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COUNTY OFFICERS

COMMISSIONERS

FRED A. RAMSAY	Walpole
W. C. BURBANK	Winchester
DAYTON L. PARK	Keene

TREASURER

JOHN L. SAUNDERS	Keene

SOLICITOR

ARTHUR OLSON	Keene

SHERIFF

ARTHUR N. JENNISON	Keene

CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

CHARLES A. MADDEN	Keene

JUDGE OF PROBATE

WALKER S. KIMBALL	Keene

REGISTER OF PROBATE

ESTHER G. BENNETT	Keene

REGISTER OF DEEDS

WINFIELD M. CHAPLIN	Keene

MEDICAL REFEREE

ARTHUR F. WESTON, M. D.	Keene

COUNTY PHYSICIAN

GEORGES E. PREVOST, M. D.	Keene

PHYSICIAN AT MAPLEWOOD HOME AND HOSPITAL

NEIL C. STEVENS, M. D.	Walpole

AUDITORS

FRANK V. SYLVESTER, DORIS W. MORGAN	Keene

DEPUTY SHERIFFS

FRANK W. WALKER	Hinsdale
RALPH R. WINHAM	Marlow
JOHN K. MARTIN	Keene
NED D. SANBORN	Westmoreland
LEONARD F. BRAGG	Alstead
EDWARD H. LORD	Keene
MADALYN B. WHITE	Keene
HUBERT O'NEIL	Jaffrey

MEMBERS OF CHESHIRE COUNTY DELEGATION

BENJAMIN H. BRAGG, R.	Alstead
E. JAMES WINSLOW, R.	Chesterfield
JOHN R. GLEASON, SR., R.	Dublin
GEORGE F. MILLER, R.	Fitzwilliam
CHARLES D. WILSON, D.	Gilsum
JOHN N. CLARK, D. and R.	Harrisville
ABBIE H. ROBERTSON, D. and R.	Hinsdale
GEORGE H. DUNCAN, D.	Jaffrey
CHARLES M. MILLS, R.	Jaffrey
DANIEL REED CHAPLIN, R.	Ward 1, Keene
CHANDLER B. McALLISTER, R.	" " "
JEREMIAH J. KEATING, D.	" " "
*GUY F. LOMBARD, R.	Ward 2, "
DAYTON L. PARK, R.	" " "
WAKEFIELD DORT, R.	Ward 3, "
*WALLACE E. MASON, R.	" " "
HARRY C. LICHMAN, R. and D.	Ward 4, "
ROBERT M. SAYERS, SR., R. and D.	" " "
JOHN M. DUFFY, D.	Ward 5, "
LAURENCE M. PICKETT, D.	" " "
BENJAMIN G. HALL, R.	Marlboro
HENRY M. HALE, R and D.	Rindge
RALPH A. BLAKE, R.	Swanzey
WALTER F. OAKMAN, D. and R.	"
JOHN N. GRIMES, D.	Troy
ARTHUR H. CHICKERING, JR., R.	Walpole
HAROLD O. PIERCE, R.	"
OSCAR W. BILLINGS, R. and D.	Westmoreland
FREDERICK H. INGHAM, R.	Winchester
LUMAN R. NELSON, R.	"

*Deceased

COUNTY COMMITTEE MEETING

May 23, 1944

The members of the Investigating and Long Range Committee met at the County Farm to carry out the provisions adopted by the delegation.

The buildings were inspected including the Hospital. Everything about the Institution was found to be in excellent shape.

The meeting was held in the Superintendent's Office. Opened for discussion. Pickett of Keene was elected Chairman and Clerk. Mr. Sanborn spoke on the need of a freezer plant. Mr. Duffy of Keene moved that the Committee recommend the next Delegation consider the advisibility of securing a freezing plant. The motion was adopted.

The Commissioners advised that the kitchen underpinning and back wall was in progress and when help situation is better the job will be done.

The freeze of last week did no particular harm so Mr. Sanborn stated. The garden is well under way and 80 bushels of potatoes are breaking ground.

The Commissioners told of the need of new trucks and as soon as machines are available they should be replaced.

The Superintendent spoke about a heating system for the recently acquired Blood House and the Commissioners were instructed to use their own judgment, on the proposal.

The Committee expressed their joy in their finding and the fine dinner served by the Superintendent and Mrs. Sanborn.

The following members were present:

Wilson of Gilsum, Blake of Swanzey, Billings of Westmoreland, Duffy of Keene and Pickett of Keene.

The meeting adjourned to October.

LAURENCE M. PICKETT, Clerk

A true copy attest:

REPORT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Cheshire County:

In keeping with the Public Statutes of the State of New Hampshire, your Commissioners are presenting herewith their annual report for the year ending December 31, 1944. Included are the reports of the County Treasurer, Solicitor, Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Superintendent of County Farm, Master of the House of Correction, Physician at the County Farm, and the State Auditors.

Although Cheshire County shows a balance of $70,678.08 it is because conditions were such that we did not use the amounts of appropriations as asked for. The County Tax was lower than for many years and for the first time, the County did not have to borrow in anticipation of taxes.

However the conditions of the heating plants at the County Farm and at the Court House are so bad that a replacement will be necessary at an estimated cost of $18,500.00. The water system at the Farm needs all new piping at an estimated cost of $1,500.00. The necessity of a freezer plant at the Farm has long been considered and with the consent of the County Delegation, should be installed.

The construction of the jail, as Federal investigation has shown, is not up to the standard and has not been satisfactory to the authorities for a long time. Whatever the remedy is, should be considered by the delegation.

The County Farm and institution under the able management of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Sanborn, show a sizable increase in receipts and valuation notwithstanding the lack of prison help and the increase in wages paid. The number of private cases in Maplewood hospital has been larger than heretofore but there have not been as many inmates in the dormitories as in recent years.

Investigation is made on all cases reported to the Commissioners' office to determine whether aid is necessary or not. Settlement and financial status of parents is determined on all juveniles turned over by the Court. Sixty-three children have been boarded, clothed and given necessary medical aid by the County this year. The Visitor keeps in contact with parents so far as possible and $1,461.00 has been paid in this year toward the support of these children. It has been necessary to bring some fathers into Court for non-support in order to make them pay regularly toward support of their children. There have been 57 persons on County Old Age Assistance in 1944 and these cases are visited and indexed so that settlement, residence and living conditions are known to the Commissioners.

The majority of the calls for relief are the result of illness or some emergency in the family. For instance in one large family, the oldest child had to be taken to the Dartmouth Eye Institute at Hanover and later it was necessary to take him to the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary where he remained a few weeks. Later it was necessary for the Visitor accompanied by the stenographer, to drive to Boston again and return this patient to his home. Another case which had to be handled was where the head of a large family was arrested and convicted. The family was taken care of at the County Farm and Hospital for some time and later, family and goods were moved to another County.

Complete, typed records of all cases are kept at the office and have been for several years and have proved to be very valuable not only to the Commissioners but to the Probation Department and many other agencies who come in contact with these families. In cooperation with the Red Cross, Selective Service, State Probation Department, State Institutions, Schools, Police and Sheriff's departments, selectmen in the County as well as many outside who contact our office from time to time, the Visitor investigated cases and looked up records so that officials have all the information available. Reports and clerical work for the County Farm are largely handled in the County office as well as records of wages and taxes of employees, the checking and payment of all bills and bookkeeping for County business.

The Commissioners express their appreciation at this time to all County employees who have been responsible for a successful year in County work and to all officials and individuals who have so willingly cooperated with the Board of Commissioners.

FRED A. RAMSAY,
W. C. BURBANK,
DAYTON L. PARK,
County Commissioners.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1944

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRED A. RAMSAY,
County Commissioner

February 2, 1945

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on hand,		$70,678 08
Accounts due to the County:		
(a) County Farm receipts including board and care,	$1,984 18	
(b) Petty cash at County Farm,	200 00	
(c) Miscellaneous,	506 62	
		2,690 80
Total assets,		$73,368 88

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the County:		
Chargeable to County Farm,	$543 89	
Chargeable to relief accounts,	387 74	
Total liabilities,		$931 63
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus),		72,437 25
		$73,368 88

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
Taxes from towns and city,	$110,450 00
Income of Institution:	
County Farm and hospital, including board and care,	22,618 25
Reimbursements of expenditures for support of poor,	371 34
Reimbursements for board and care of children,	1,461 00
Total current revenue receipts,	$134,900 59
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:	
Miscellaneous refunds,	55 05
Total receipts from all sources,	$134,955 64
Cash on hand at beginning of year,	53,066 63
Grand total,	$188,022 27

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
1. Salaries of		
(a) Commissioners,	$3,000 00	
(b) Treasurer,	200 00	
(c) Auditors,	150 00	
(d) Solicitor,	1,200 00	
(e) Medical Referee,	202 40	
(f) Sheriff,	900 00	
		$5,652 40
2. Expenses of		
(a) Above officers,	$1,312 60	
(b) Register of Deeds,	517 00	
(c) Register of Probate,	888 26	
		2,717 86

3.	Care and supplies for Court House,		2,347 59
Superior Court:			
4.	Jury Payrolls,	$2,178 75	
5.	"State vs. - - " payrolls,	7,372 63	
6.	Referees and Masters,	388 50	
7.	Counsel fees,	365 00	
8.	Stenographer, etc.,	963 69	
9.	Clerk of Superior Court,	2,040 08	
10.	Sheriff and deputies,	990 60	
			14,299 25
Public Welfare:			
11.	County farm expenditures, almshouse and jail,	$54,313 95	
12.	Board of Prisoners,	510 89	
13.	Support of poor not at County Farm,	1,624 23	
14.	Old age assistance,	4,679 33	
15.	Board and care of children,	11,059 65	
16.	Aid to soldiers,	16 00	
17.	Welfare Administration Expenses:		
	Investigator, salary and expense,	2,105 10	
	*Bookkeeping and stenographic work,	2,350 57	
	Office supplies and telephone,	146 21	
			76,805 93
Total Current maintenance expenses,			$101,823 03
All Other Payments:			
18.	Farm Bureau,		5,400 00
19.	County Forestry Program,		500 00
20.	Elliot Community Hospital,		2,000 00
21.	New equipment, stock and repairs, County Farm,		4,441 84

*For all County business.

22.	Survey of County Farm property,		385 23
23.	Sheriff's Department:		
	Clerk,	$1,200 00	
	Telephone, office and other supplies,	1,012 77	
			$2,212 77
24.	Miscellaneous:		
	Printing County reports,	$257 12	
	Juvenile Court,	40 00	
	County Committee meeting at Farm,	16 80	
	Autopsy on cattle at Hinsdale,	20 00	
	State Audit,	247 40	
			581 32
Total payments for all purposes,			$117,344 19
Cash on hand at end of year,			70,678 08
Grand Total,			$188,022 27

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:	Value
Land and Buildings:	
(a) Court House, lot and furnishings,	$70,000 00
(c) County Farm and buildings,	118,250 00
(d) Wood lot,	300 00
(e) Land near B. & M. tracks,	100 00
Total valuation,	$188,650 00

RECAPITULATION FOR 1943 AND 1944

	1943	1944
Salaries,	$5,450 00	$5,450 00
Medical referee,	192 70	202 40
Expense of County officers,	1,224 76	1,312 60
Register of deeds,	1,003 67	517 00
Register of probate,	971 17	888 26

Care and supplies for Court house,	2,019 57	2,347 59
Court expenses,	13,449 26	14,299 25
Almshouse and jail, County Farm,	50,775 46	54,313 95
Board prisoners,	436 28	510 89
Outside poor,	3,101 18	1,624 23
Old Age assistance,	5,323 51	4,679 33
Board and care of children,	10,585 82	11,059 65
Soldiers' Aid,	7 50	16 00
Investigator, salary and expenses,	1,836 22	2,105 10
Bookkeeping and general office work,	1,890 00	2,350 57
Office supplies and telephone, (welfare administration)	136 43	146 21
Farm Bureau,	5,900 00	5,900 00
Hospital,	3,000 00	2,000 00
Miscellaneous,	556 94	581 32
Repairs, new construction and equipment,	7,226 51	4,441 84
Bill Farm and tenement,	5,633 44	
County Farm Survey,	817 07	385 23
Sheriff's Department,	3,062 61	2,212 77
Temporary loan,	70,000 00	
	$194,600 10	$117,344 19

PUBLIC WELFARE

a. Support of Paupers off County Farm

Keene,	$905 88	
Alstead,	47 42	
Chesterfield,	530 03	
Jaffrey,	14 00	
Marlboro,	11 25	
Roxbury,	8 65	
Swanzey,	67 50	
Westmoreland,	4 50	
Winchester,	35 00	
		$1,624 23

b. Support of Children

Keene,	$5,688 92	
Alstead,	42 68	
Dublin,	215 75	
Fitzwilliam,	324 00	
Hinsdale,	353 90	
Marlboro,	330 19	
Rindge,	426 95	
Swanzey,	4 00	
Troy,	49 33	
Walpole,	3,304 93	
Westmoreland,	279 00	
Winchester,	40 00	
		$11,059 65

c. Old Age Assistance (County)

Keene,	$2,972 82
Dublin,	109 01
Fitzwilliam,	92 38
Gilsum,	60 07
Harrisville,	104 38

Jaffrey,	135 54	
Marlboro,	134 57	
Marlow,	90 12	
Sullivan,	69 34	
Surry,	54 00	
Swanzey,	191 06	
Troy,	3 56	
Walpole,	140 77	
Westmoreland,	72 96	
Winchester,	448 75	
		$4,679 33

RELIEF EXTENDED TO COUNTY CHARGES

January 1, 1944 to January 1, 1945

	Regular Relief	Dependent Soldiers	Board & Care Children
January,	$215 80	$13 00	$866 95
February,	120 90		890 02
March,	120 66		845 00
April,	106 72		909 29
May,	93 00		928 95
June,	70 47		957 31
July,	151 00		876 33
August,	80 75	3 00	921 71
September,	85 00		936 78
October,	57 00		1,008 26
November,	132 09		1,170 05
December,	207 32		879 72
	$1,440 71	$16 00	$11,190 37

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft	Receipts
County officers, salaries,					
Commissioners,	$3,000 00	$3,000 00			
Treasurer,	200 00	200 00			
Auditors,	450 00	397 40	$52 60		
Solicitor,	1,200 00	1,200 00			
Medical Referee,	600 00	202 40	397 60		
Sheriff,	900 00	900 00			
County officers' expenses,	1,600 00	1,312 60	287 40		
Register of deeds,	500 00	517 00		$17 00	
Register of probate,	1,000 00	888 26	111 74		$3 10
Care and supplies, Court House,	3,000 00	2,347 59	652 41		
Superior Court,	15,000 00	14,299 25	700 75		10 91
County Farm,	55,000 00	54,313 95	686 05		22,618 25
Jail,	600 00	510 89	89 11		
Support of Poor off Farm,	12,000 00	1,624 23	10,375 77		350 84
Old Age Assistance,	7,000 00	4,679 33	2,320 67		20 50
Board and care of children,	15,000 00	11,059 65	3,940 35		1,461 00
Soldiers' Aid,	3,000 00	16 00	2,984 00		
Farm Bureau,	5,400 00	5,400 00			

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdraft	Receipts
County Forestry Program,	500 00	500 00			
Keene and Walpole Hospitals,	3,000 00	2,000 00	1,000 00		
Welfare Administration,	4,500 00	4,601 88		101 88	26 40
Miscellaneous,	1,000 00	333 92	666 08		
Sheriff's Department,	1,300 00	2,212 77		912 77	14 64
Repairs, stock, equipment, County Farm,	7,500 00	4,441 84	3,058 16		
Survey of County Farm,	500 00	385 23	114 77		
Interest on temporary note,	200 00		200 00		
Totals,	$143,950 00	$117,344 19	$27,637 46	$1,031 65	$24,505 64

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CHESHIRE COUNTY

To the Board of Commissioners for the County of Cheshire:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Cheshire for the year ending December 31, 1944:—

RECEIPTS

Taxes from Towns and City:—

Alstead,	$1,780 32	
Chesterfield,	3,154 11	
Dublin,	5,298 91	
Fitzwilliam,	2,018 63	
Gilsum,	644 84	
Harrisville,	2,200 87	
Hinsdale,	7,752 11	
Jaffrey,	8,957 68	
Keene,	46,470 59	
Marlborough,	3,112 06	
Marlow,	602 79	
Nelson,	855 11	
Richmond,	518 68	
Rindge,	2,355 07	
Roxbury,	266 35	
Stoddard,	883 15	
Sullivan,	448 58	
Surry,	742 97	
Swanzey,	3,967 17	
Troy,	2,649 45	
Walpole,	9,504 39	
Westmoreland,	1,415 85	
Winchester,	4,850 32	
Total,		$110,450 00

Income of Institution:	
County Farm and Hospital, including board and care,	22,618 25
Reimbursements of expenditures for support of poor,	371 34
Reimbursements for board and care of children,	1,461 00
Total current revenue receipts,	$134,900 59
Receipts other than current revenue,	55 05
Total receipts from all sources,	$134,955 64
Cash on hand January 1, 1944,	53,066 63
	$188,022 27

DISBURSEMENTS

General Government,	$10,717 85	
Superior Court,	14,299 25	
Board and Care of Prisoners,	510 89	
County Farm Expenditures,	54,313 95	
Direct Relief,	1,624 23	
Old Age Assistance,	4,679 33	
Other Charitable Expenses,	11,075 65	
Current Maintenance Expenses,	4,601 88	
Other Current Expenses,	7,900 00	
Repairs, new equipment,	4,441 84	
Miscellaneous Expense,	581 32	
Survey of County Farm Property,	385 23	
Sheriff's Department,	2,212 77	
Total Disbursements,		$117,344 19
Cash on hand December 31, 1944,		70,678 08
		$188,022 27

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. SAUNDERS,

County Treasurer.

January 26, 1945

County Commissioners,
Cheshire County,
Keene, New Hampshire.

Gentlemen:

This certifies that we have audited the books of the County Commissioners for the year ending December 31, 1944, and have found that all cash receipts have been deposited in the bank and that all disbursements have been properly vouchered and accounted for.

Very truly yours,
F. V. SYLVESTER,
DORIS W. MORGAN,
County Auditors.

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

August 10, 1944

Board of County Commissioners,
Cheshire County,
Keene, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 82, Section 27, of the Revised Laws, the biennial audit and examination of the accounts of Cheshire County has been made by the Division of Municipal Accounting of the State Tax Commission. The audit covered the fiscal years ending December 31, 1942, December 31, 1943, and the period from January 1, 1944 to May 31, 1944. Submitted herewith is the report of this audit, including Exhibits and Schedules as hereafter listed.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the audit and examination were the accounts and records of the Board of County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm.

FINANCES

Comparative Balance Sheets—1934 to 1943, inclusive: (Exhibit I)

This statement, prepared from reports on file, indicates the financial condition of the County during each of the years from 1934 to 1943, inclusive. Assets, Liabilities and Net Debt or Surplus are presented therein. It is interesting to note that the ten year period ended in 1943 with a Surplus of $54,822.08, as contrasted to a Net Debt of $5,347.81, at the beginning in 1934.

Changes in Surplus—1941 to 1943: (Exhibits II and III)

A net gain in Surplus of $15,793.37, was made during the year ended December 31, 1942. This resulted from a net budget surplus of $23,971.48, decrease in accounts payable of $1,573.72 and increase in accounts receivable of $248.17, or a gross gain of $25,793.37; which was decreased by $10,000.00, on account of surplus cash of this amount from the previous year used to reduce the amount raised by County tax.

In the year ended December 31, 1943, a further net gain of $11,521.06, was made in Surplus. A net budget surplus in this year of $22,188.78, a decrease in accounts payable of $4,149.18 and increase in accounts receivable of $183.10, totalled $26,521.06. This was decreased by $15,000.00, the amount of surplus cash from 1942 used to reduce the amount raised by County tax in 1943.

County Tax Apportionment—1935 to 1944, inclusive: (Exhibit IV)

The apportionment of County taxes for the years 1935 to 1944, inclusive, is shown in Exhibit IV. The peak year was in 1938, with a County tax of $153,000.00. In 1944, it had been reduced to $110,450.00.

Comparative Statement of Receipts and Expenditures—1934 to 1943, inclusive: (Exhibit V)

Summaries of receipts and expenditures, classified in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, for the years 1934 to 1943, inclusive, are presented in Exhibit V.

Revenues, Appropriations and Expenditures: (Schedules A-2, A-3, B-2 & B-3)

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures and Estimated and Actual Revenues, for the years 1942 and 1943, are included in these schedules.

In 1942, actual revenues exceeded estimated revenues by $3,359.04. This, together with a net unexpended balance of appropriations of $20,612.44, resulted in a net budget surplus of $23,971.48. Although a substantial overdraft of $11,982.36, appeared in the County Farm appropriation, this was more than

offset by an unexpended balance of $19,934.11, in the "Poor Off Farm" account.

In 1943, an excess of actual over estimated revenue of $2,934.71, and a net unexpended balance of appropriations of $19,254.07, resulted in a net budget surplus of $22,188.78.

In this year overdrafts were incurred in only three of the appropriations. These were as follows:

Bill Farm & New Apartment,	$1,468 99
County Farm Survey,	317 07
Expenses—Sheriff's Department,	712 61

While an overdraft of $1,468.99 was actually incurred in the purchase of the Bill Farm, authorization of the transaction was voted by the County Legislative delegation on August 24, 1943, subsequent to the passage of the regular budget for that year and the assessment of the County tax.

An additional appropriation of $500.00 for the completion of the County farm survey was included in the 1944 budget.

The third overdraft, amounting to $712.61, occurred in the appropriation made for "Expenses of the Sheriff's Department." It was further noted that expenditures of this department for the first five months of the current year, 1944, amounted to $883.97, while the appropriation for the whole year was $1,300.00. If the expenditures of this department for the remaining seven months of this year are on a comparable basis, an overdraft is again indicated.

ACCOUNTS OF COMMISSIONERS AND TREASURER

(Schedules A-1, B-1, C-1 and C-2)

All orders issued by the County Commissioners and Clerk of the Superior Court during the period under review were examined and compared with corresponding entries in the Treasurer's records and with supporting invoices and payrolls. The Treasurer's cash book balance as of May 31, 1944, was in agreement with the reconciled bank balance of like date.

COUNTY FARM

The accounts and records of the Superintendent of the County Farm were examined and audited. Receipts of the

Farm were checked by source through the triplicate receipt forms. All funds received were properly accounted for by the Superintendent through remittances made to the County Treasurer.

At present there is no regular classification book being used for recording county farm receipts and expenditures. It is recommended that a form similar to those used in other counties, and at the same time adapted to the requirements of Cheshire County, be procured and put in use as soon as possible.

Inasmuch as this record book would be kept in the office of the County Commissioners, the Superintendent should be provided with a rubber stamp which would provide the following information:

1. Extensions Verified.....
2. Approved by .....
3. Charge to Account.....
4. Bid or Waiver No.....
5. Paid by County Order No.....

Each invoice should be stamped by the Superintendent and after it has been approved by him and the proper classification noted thereon, it should be sent to the Commissioners for payment and recording.

Monthly totals of receipts and expenditures may be transferred from the farm classification book to the book in which all County receipts and expenditures are recorded. Inasmuch as each order issued in payment of a county farm account will be entered separately in the county farm book by number, name of payee and amount, it will not be necessary to duplicate this information in detail in the general account book of the County. This also applies to County farm receipts as each item should be entered in the County farm book indicating the name of the remitter and the source of the receipt.

The petty cash fund of $200.00 at the County farm was audited and balanced. This fund is maintained for convenience in making minor purchases and paying small bills such as express, postage, etc. An effort should be made to confine its use to these purposes. While items such as employes salaries may be

paid from it in cases of necessity such payments should be made, insofar as possible, by regular County order.

It is recommended that a record be kept of all gasoline used at the County farm for non-highway purposes and application for refund of the State tax paid thereon made to the State Treasurer, as provided by Chapter 120, Section 10, Revised Laws of 1942. Forms may be secured from the State Treasurer for this purpose.

CLERK OF COURT

The financial accounts and records of the Clerk of the Superior Court were examined for the period covered by the audit of other County accounts. Invoices, expense accounts and payrolls supporting court orders were inspected. Receipts from fines, costs and bail were checked from the court dockets and found to be properly recorded by the Clerk. Errors in addition of the Clerk of Court's account for the September 1943 term resulted in an overpayment to the Clerk of $101.00. This will be adjusted in the settlement for the September 1944 term.

Statements submitted by the sheriff and deputy sheriffs for reimbursement of expenses incurred or services performed should contain complete itemization and should be supported by receipts in cases where money has been paid out for "meals for jurors", " assistance", etc. Dates of "court attendance" should be indicated. All mileage accounts should be itemized so as to show the date, place of departure, places visited and rate charged. This is particularly necessary inasmuch as the rate of mileage allowed a sheriff or deputies varies according to the number of prisoners he may be transporting.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Competitive Bidding:

In our last biennial audit report the matter of competitive bidding as required by Chapter 47, Section 8, Revised Laws of 1942, was commented upon. In that report we stated, "There is no question therefore as to the application of this law to all County purchases of equipment or materials exceeding fifty dollars in amount." Also included was a statement from the Attorney-General from which we quote, "In cases where com-

petitive bidding cannot fulfill its purpose, it may be waived by unanimous vote of the County Commissioners duly recorded in their offices, together with a statement of the reasons therefor, which are open to public inspection at all reasonable hours."

In examining the purchases made during the period covered by this audit it was noted that in cases where bids had not been secured the provisions for waiving the bids had not been complied with. It is recognized that under conditions which exist at present, it is difficult to always secure bids on contemplated purchases. However, we believe that in cases where bids are not forthcoming or where bidding will not fulfill its purpose, waivers should be recorded as required by law.

It is suggested that bids and waivers be numbered in sequence and filed in that manner. The bid or waiver number should be noted on the invoice covering the purchase for purposes of reference.

County Officers' Expense Accounts:

During the course of the audits of the several counties the need for a standard form on which the Commissioners and other officers can report expenses incurred in the conduct of their office has become apparent. This Division is developing a form for this purpose and its use is recommended. A copy of this form will be forwarded as soon as it is completed.

Purchases from Public Officials:

We noted during the course of the audit an instance in which the County made a purchase from one of the duly elected officials. We quote from Chapter 43, Sections 1 and 2, of the Revised Laws of 1942, in this connection.

"(1) **Public Officials Barred from Certain Private Dealings.** No person holding a public office, excepting only members of the general court, as such, for which remuneration in the form of wages, salary, or per diem is paid, in city, county, or state governmental service shall, by contract or otherwise, except by open competitive bidding, sell or buy goods, commodities, or other personal property of a value in excess of twenty-five dollars at any one sale to or from the city, county, or state by which said official is paid.

(2) **Penalty.** Anyone violating the provisions of the foregoing section shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars, and upon conviction there shall automatically be a vacancy in the office held by the person convicted, which shall be filled as otherwise provided by law."

Section 31 of Chapter 211, Laws of 1939, provides that: "Upon completion of each audit, as herein provided, a report thereof shall be made to the proper local officials and a copy of such report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual report of the county, city, town, school district, village district or precinct concerned."

In accordance with the provisions of this law, the text of this report should be printed in the next annual printed report in its entirety. The publication of Exhibits and Schedules is optional.

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to all county officials and employees for their assistance during the course of our audit.

Very truly yours,
HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission.

LAWTON B. CHANDLER, Auditor
HARRY G. HAGER, Accountant

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts and records of the Cheshire County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Superior Court and Superintendent of the County Farm for the fiscal years ending December 31, 1942, December 31, 1943, and the period from January 1, 1944 to May 31, 1944. It is our opinion that the Exhibits and Schedules presented herewith, subject to our comments as set forth in the

letter of transmittal, fairly present the financial condition of the County as to its assets, liabilities, surplus, and the results of operations for the periods under review.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission.

LAWTON B. CHANDLER, Auditor
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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Cheshire County:

We hereby submit our report for Cheshire County Farm for the year 1944. We are pleased to be able to say that we have had a very successful year considering the conditions brought on by the war. Prices high and help scarce. We have been unable to do all the repair work that needed to be done although we have taken care of the most important jobs. Our farm crops were very good and we harvested a lot of produce which means a lot in caring for our family. We are always glad to have the tax payers of the County visit the institution and inspect the Farm. We want to thank the Board of Commissioners for their support in every way, also the office force at the Commissioners' office who are very cooperative and helpful at all times. We also appreciate the services of Dr. Neil Stevens, who never fails to come night or day whenever needed; also Rev. Mr. Myles Blanchard for his visits to our institution and services at the Chapel each month. We thank Father Hansberry and other Fathers of the Catholic Church who visit and minister to our people, and all others who in any way have brought cheer to our family.

Sincerely yours,
NED D. SANBORN, Superintendent
SUSAN J. SANBORN, Matron

INVENTORY OF MAPLEWOOD HOME
For the Year Ending December 31, 1944

Farm equipment, shop, and plumbing supplies,	$8,000 00
Boiler house, laundry and well supplies,	6,200 00
Hospital equipment and supplies,	4,750 00
Furniture and house supplies,	10,350 00
Groceries and supplies,	3,500 00
Wood and coal,	3,000 00
Livestock,	11,000 00

Horses,	600 00
9 sheep,	108 00
Hogs and pigs,	1,600 00
Farm Produce,	2,500 00
Sawed lumber,	1,200 00
Hay, grain and ensilage,	3,000 00
Bellows Falls Creamery Stock,	100 00
	$55,908 00
Increase in inventory,	$2,928 00

INVENTORY OF COUNTY PROPERTY

County Farm and buildings,	$113,250 00
Wood lot, Chesterfield,	300 00
Land near B. & M. tracks,	100 00
Personal property at Farm,	43,467 00
Willard Bill Farm,	5,000 00
	$162,117 00

DETAIL OF RECEIPTS

Board paid by City and Towns,

Alstead,	$1,575 00	
Dublin,	102 86	
Fitzwilliam,	366 00	
Jaffrey,	352 57	
Keene,	1,857 29	
Marlboro,	396 00	
Marlow,	15 00	
Surry,	427 00	
Swanzey,	557 00	
Troy,	539 47	
Walpole,	245 15	
Westmoreland,	21 43	
Winchester,	168 29	
		$6,623 06

Board of private patients,		$8,516 22
Sale of food and clothing,		4 00
Miscellaneous income,		314 72
Total,		$15 458 00
Sale of Farm Products:		
Dairy,	$4,660 85	
Cattle and neat stock,	235 76	
Pork and young pigs,	1,412 78	
Poultry and eggs,	736 89	
Miscellaneous,	113 97	
		$7,160 25
		$22,618 25

COUNTY FARM EXPENDITURES

This includes Jail and Hospital

From January 1, 1944 to Dec. 31, 1944

Aldrich, Edwin T., insurance,	$34 47
Aldrich, G. H. & Sons, insurance,	291 72
Aldrich-Huntley, Inc., burial,	85 00
American Guernsey Cattle Club, registering stock,	8 00
Aubuchon, W. E. Co., supplies,	12 30
Audett, Helen, goods,	84 05
Avery, Frank, horse shoeing,	83 00
Bardis Fruit Co., goods,	4 25
Batchelor's Tire Service, repairs,	26 69
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight,	4 72
Bullard & Shedd Co., medical supplies,	239 91
Burnham, C. M., ice,	8 40
Burt, Ruth E., recording,	17 00
Chaplin, Winfield, registering,	3 65
Cheshire Co. Insurance Co., insurance,	205 81
Cheshire Oil Co., goods,	2 42
Chesterfield, Town of, taxes,	10 99
Chickering, A. F., supplies,	70 00
Dederick, Dr. F. V., veterinarian,	36 00
Du-Ev Products Co., supplies,	244 19
Dunham Bros., goods,	47 52

Eaves, D. A., supplies,	197 18
Fairbanks, O. K. Co., supplies,	410 60
Fairfield's Garage, repairs,	547 13
40 Fathom Fish, goods,	13 75
Ferguson, J. A., repairs,	6 50
Gays Express, freight,	2 06
General Mills, goods,	8,225 20
Gifford Supply Co., goods,	72 00
Goodnow, W. L. Co., goods,	133 22
Great A. & P. Tea Co., goods,	286 71
Gulf Oil Co., goods,	156 73
Gurnsey Bros. & Co., goods,	585 10
Gurnsey, N. G. & Co., goods,	165 29
Golden Rule Farm, potatoes,	176 00
Holmes Transportation Service, freight,	2 11
Hall & Croteau, burial,	85 00
Heil, John G., fees,	7 00
Heller, B. & Co., goods,	67 03
Henry & Johnson, repairs,	69 53
Hill, Gale, repairs,	8 75
Holbrook Grocery Co., goods,	2,057 89
Household Fuel Corp, coal,	5,034 16
Hubbard Farms, chicks,	81 00
Irving's Clothing Store, goods,	466 15
Johnson, Henry &, repairs,	51 98
Johnson, R. N., goods,	386 74
Jones Express, freight,	39 31
Keene Sewing Machine Co., repairs,	25 20
Kendall, Dr. Anson, medical,	18 00
Knowlton & Stone, goods,	496 89
Leach, L. E. Co., goods,	42 42
Lewis National Supply Corp., laundry supplies,	115 70
Lynn Tire Co., repairs,	91 35
Megowen-Educator Food Co., goods,	97 40
Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, goods,	1,492 06
Mason Insurance Agency, insurance,	593 22
Messer, Charles W., trucking coal,	100 00
Moore, Charles, beef cow,	125 00
Messengel, S. E. Co., goods,	326 50

Newberry, J. J. Co., goods,	130 25
N. E. Telephone & Tel. Co., service,	590 05
Nims Plumbing Co., repairs,	12 96
Palmer Insurance Agency, insurance,	322 22
Pearson Bros., supplies,	18 10
Pelissiers Luggage Store, goods,	44 00
Perkins, M. S. Machine Co., goods and repairs,	172 98
Park, Davis & Co., supplies,	6 91
Pioneer Mfg. Co., goods,	130 68
Pratt, Roy E., glasses,	12 00
Prevost, Dr. G. E., medical,	17 50
Public Service Co., service,	1,510 10
Rhoades & Co., goods,	154 22
Robertson Motor Co., repairs,	22 80
Rochester Germ Co., goods,	92 75
Rorer, Wm. H., medical supplies,	2 71
Sanborn, Ned D., petty cash,	1,297 73
Sears, Roebuck Co., goods,	40 59
Sharp & Dohme, medical supplies,	145 46
Sibley Oil Co., goods,	590 99
Star Market, supplies,	1,459 17
Stevens, Dr. Neil C., medical,	1,250 00
Spencer Hardware Co., goods,	114 68
Swift & Co., goods,	319 16
Thompson, A. E., goods,	399 37
Toomey & Co., W. V., repairs,	221 27
The West Co., supplies,	7 51
Westmoreland, Town of, taxes,	1,200 79
Whitcomb, Arthur, sand,	1 91
Wilburs Public Market, goods,	199 72
Walpole Village District, rent of mixer,	10 00
White, Lewis, apples,	133 75
Worrell Mfg. Co., goods,	622 07
Wright Bros., goods,	57 61
Wyeth, John & Brother, medical supplies,	79 64
Payroll, County Farm help, Superintendent and Matron,	18,537 87
Miscellaneous,	6 48
	$54,313 95

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Jail and House of Correction:

Labor,	$1,168 75
Repairs,	63 15
Other expenses,	7 00

Farming:

Seeds and fertilizer,	487 50
Labor,	4,084 50
Supplies,	1,412 70
Other expense,	921 66
Feed,	1,269 83
Repairs,	776 96

Livestock:

	Dairy	Poultry	Swine
Food,	$4,382 18	$2,086 67	$1,987 83
Labor,	1,196 50		480 00
Supplies,	627 18		
Other expense,	158 44		
Stock,		81 00	

Operation and Maintenance:

Labor,	$8,380 82
Provisions,	4,834 92
Repairs,	301 05
Supplies,	4,081 30
Fuel Lights, Water Power,	4,680 83
Fixed Charges,	2,680 40
Other Expense,	651 47

Hospital:

Medical attendance,	$1,285 50
Medicine,	771 49
Optical work,	12 00
Labor,	3,047 00
Other expense,	17 00
Supplies,	866 40
Funerals,	170 00

PER CAPITA COST OF INMATES AT COUNTY FARM INCLUDING HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND JAIL PRISONERS

	No.	Weeks	Days
Almshouse,	3,440		6
House of Correction,	738		
Total population at Farm,	4,178		6
Town boarders,	740		4
Private boarders,	749		3
	1,490		

Town County Farm Expenditures,	$54,313 95
Inventory of personal property at beginning of year,	52,980 00
Accounts payable at end of year,	543 89
Accounts for board receivable at beginning of year,	1,983 71
	$109,821 55
Cash receipts from Farm:	
From boarders,	$15,139 28
From all other sources,	7,478 97
	$22,618 25
Inventory of personal property at end of year,	55,908 00
Accounts payable beginning of year,	437 65
Accounts for board receivable at end of year,	1,984 18
	$80 948 08
Balance against farm,	28,873 47

Per Capita cost per week of all inmates but excluding boarders, employees, and guests, $10 73 plus

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF FARM

Hay including second crop,	120	tons
Ensilage corn,	200	"
Oat fodder,	10	"
Green fodder,	30	"
Rape for hogs,	½	acre
Ears of husked corn,	600	bu.
Stock beets,	600	"
Potatoes,	809	"
Table beets,	50	"
Carrots,	100	"
Onions,	45	"
Parsnips,	25	"
String beans,	85	"
Shell beans,	10	"
Dry beans,	60	"
Green peas,	10	"
Spinach,	20	"
Endive,	20	"
Beet greens,	75	"
Broccolli,	20	"
Tomatoes,	75	"
Turnips,	45	"
Sweet peppers,	5	"
Cucumbers,	150	"
Lettuce,	1,000	heads
Cabbage,	500	"
Cauliflower,	50	"
Squashes, winter,	8	tons
Squashes, summer,	125	lbs.
Pumpkins,	5	tons
Asparagus,	300	bunches
Rhubarb,	200	lbs.
Watermellons,	300	
Muskmellons,	400	
Total milk production,	235,819	lbs.
Maple Syrup,	92	gals.
Beef raised, dressed and used on Farm,	2,575	lbs.
Pork raised, dressed and used on Farm,	4,225	"

Chickens and Fowls dressed and used on Farm,	1,200	"
Sawed lumber, estimated,	27M	ft.
Fire wood, estimated,	125	cords
Chickens raised in 1944,	600	
Eggs produced,	5,207	doz.

STOCK AT FARM DECEMBER 31,1944

3 Horses
30 Guernsey Cows
5 Guernsey Heifers over 2 years old
1 Guernsey Bull over 2 years old
14 Guernsey Heifers under 2 years old
9 Shorthorn cows
7 Shorthorn Heifers under 2 years old
6 Shorthorn Steers under 2 years old
1 Shorthorn Bull over 2 years old
1 Shorthorn Bull calf
76 Hog Kine
9 Sheep

INMATES AT FARM JANUARY 1, 1945

Bellefeuille, Joseph
Bergeron, Carlos
Bellows, Clayton
Buckley, John
Britton, Bertha
Corkum, Mildred
Carboneau, Alex
Clement, Fred
Desmond, Fred
Dearing, Laura
Driscoll, Catherine
Ducharme, Pauline
Dayon, Charles
Dery, Emile
Doucette, William
Ellis, Benjamin
Farnum, Lora
Flagg, Warren
Fontaine, Herbert
Foster, Jesse
Ford, Frank
Gilman, Henry
Graney, Jerry
Hall, Ronald
Hammond, James
Hatch, Ella
Hamlin, Emma
Harper, Alice
Heeney, Louis
Knight, Wilber
Kent, Herbert
Leware, Nelson
Lynch, Daniel
Morgan, Rogean
Moore, Elizabeth
Murray, James
Shea, Thomas
Snow, Olin
Trombley, Addie
Teed, Minnie
Thrasher, Henry
Tully, George
Whitney, William
Whitney, Bertha
Wood, Marion
Wood, Peter
Woodward, Alvin
14 Private cases

DEATHS

Date		Name	Years
February	10, 1944	Hannah Hassett	68
May	11, "	Joseph Bergeron	71
May	31, "	Carrie Cross	82
June	13, "	Gilman Moody	69
July	25, "	Joseph LaPoint	74
August	20, "	Arthur Blair	67
October	20, "	William French	72
October	21, "	Mary Moore	84
October	28, "	Adom Kidder	69

Names of private cases are not published.

Record of Inmates at Cheshire County Almshouse from Jan. 1, 1944 to Jan. 1, 1945

Name	Age	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Board Paid By
Bailey, Maud	63	1-7-44	Keene	3-4-44	American	57	County
Bellefeuille, Joseph	61	2-18-43	"	.....	"	366	"
Bergeron, Carlos	88	11-1-40	Troy	.....	"	366	Troy
Bergeron, Joseph	71	7-20-40	Keene	5-11-44	"	132	County
Bellows, Clayton	74	6-25-39	Winchester	.....	"	366	"
Blair, Arthur	67	7-18-37	Keene	8-20-44	"	233	"
Bonner, William	52	4-26-44	"	5-11-44	"	16	"
Buckley, John	76	5-1-27	Winchester	.....	Canadian	366	"
Britton, Bertha	46	3-17-17	Keene	.....	American	366	"
Buzzier, Leander	64	1-19-44	"	2-25-44	Canadian	38	"
Corkum, Mildred	32	11-18-36	"	.....	American	366	"
Carboneau, Alex	79	6-18-38	Westmoreland	.....	Canadian	366	"
Clement, Fred	53	6-9-27	Keene	.....	American	366	"
Cross, Carrie	82	5-1-44	Fitzwilliam	5-31-44	"	31	"
Desmond, Fred	81	9-30-43	Swanzey	.....	"	366	"
Dearing, Laura	80	8-7-33	Marlboro	.....	"	366	"
Driscoll, Catherine	63	2-14-35	Keene	.....	"	366	"
Ducharme, Pauline	58	10-5-43	Hinsdale	.....	"	366	"
Dayon, Charles	71	12-10-34	Keene	.....	"	366	"
Dery, Emile	51	11-19-40	"	.....	"	366	"
Doucette, Wm.	63	1-22-41	"	.....	"	366	Marlboro
Desolier, Albert	47	5-27-44	Troy	7-6-44	"	49	Troy
Ellis, Benjamin	63	10-16-37	Keene	.....	"	366	County
Farnum, Lora	62	3-20-39	"	.....	"	366	"
Flagg, Warren	63	9-8-42	Fitzwilliam	.....	"	366	Fitzwilliam
Flemming, Richard	3	2-2-44	Keene	2-19-44	"	18	County
Fontaine, Herbert	75	10-30-36	Walpole	.....	"	366	"
Foster, Jesse	61	12-2-44	Keene	.....	"	30	Fitzwilliam
Ford, Frank	81	8-28-40	Dublin	.....	"	366	County
French, William	72	10-11-44	Westmoreland	10-20-44	"	10	Westmoreland

RECORD OF INMATES AT CHESHIRE COUNTY ALMSHOUSE FROM JAN. 1, 1944 TO JAN. 1, 1945

Name	Age	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Board Paid By
Gilman, Henry	73	10-14-44	Dublin	.....	Canadian	79	Dublin
Graney, Jerry	77	10-16-29	Hinsdale	.....	American	366	County
Hall, Flora	22	10-23-43	Westmoreland	2-28-44	"	59	"
Hall, Ronald	1	10-11-43	"	.....	"	366	"
Hammond, James	58	3-19-38	Winchester	.....	"	366	"
Hammond, Fanny	17	2-20-44	Keene	4-23-44	"	64	Winchester
Hammond, William	Inf.	3-26-44	Westmoreland	4-23-44	"	29	"
Hatch, Ella	62	5-19-32	Keene	.....	"	366	County
Hamlin, Emma	65	3-27-42	"	.....	"	366	Keene
Harper, Alice	65	7-18-44	"	.....	"	167	County
Hassett, Hannah	69	11-29-41	"	2-10-44	"	41	Keene
Heeney, Louis	64	2-9-40	Surry	.....	"	366	Surry
Hewitt, Edward	59	11-9-43	Keene	2-23-44	"	54	County
Knight, Wilber	79	12-1-43	"	.....	"	366	Keene
Kidder, Adom	69	12-10-43	Jaffrey	10-28-44	"	302	Jaffrey
Kent, Herbert	86	2-18-43	Alstead	.....	"	366	Alstead
LaPointe, Joseph	74	1-4-44	Westmoreland	7-25-44	Canadian	363	County
Legare, Eleanor	23	1-3-44	Swanzey	1-25-44	"	23	N. Umberland
Legare, Ross	Inf.	1-11-44	Westmoreland	1-25-44	American	15	"
Leware, Nelson	72	7-15-01	Keene	.....	"	366	County
Lynch, Daniel	78	2-3-27	"	.....	"	366	"
Moore, Mary	84	8-15-40	"	10-21-44	"	295	"
Moore, Elizabeth	78	8-20-44	Jaffrey	.....	Canadian	134	"
Morgan, Rogean	79	11-22-43	Keene	.....	American	366	"
Moody, Gilman	69	5-28-43	Walpole	6-13-44	"	165	Walpole
Murray, James	87	1-5-25	Rindge	.....	Irish	366	County
Perreault, Ernest	7	3-1-44	Alstead	5-31-44	American	92	"
Perreault, Evelyn	31	2-27-44	"	5-31-44	"	95	"
Perreault, Gracia	1	2-27-44	"	5-31-44	"	95	"
Perreault, Irene	11	2-27-44	"	6-10-44	"	102	"

Record of Inmates at Cheshire County Almshouse from Jan. 1, 1944 to Jan. 1, 1945

Name	Age	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Board Paid By
Perreault, Robert	3	2-27-44	Alstead	5-31-44	American	95	County
Perreault, Shirley	5	2-27-44	"	5-31-44	"	95	"
Perreault, Walter	10	3-1-44	"	5-18-44	"	79	"
Perreault, Paul	Inf.	3-8-44	Westmoreland	5-31-44	"	85	"
Reil, William	66	10-21-44	Keene	11-4-44	Irish	15	"
Reil, William	66	12-4-43	"	4-11-44	"	102	"
Shea, Thomas	78	10-29-43	"	.....	American	366	Keene
Snow, Olin	57	1-2-21	"	.....	"	366	County
Trombley, Addie	69	8-7-42	Marlboro	.....	"	366	"
Teed, Minnie	73	2-28-43	Swanzey	.....	Canadian	366	Swanzey
Thrasher, Henry	73	1-15-43	Greenfield, Ms.	.....	American	366	Keene
Tower, Josephine	56	3-4-44	Winchester	5-22-44	"	80	Winchester
Tully, George	81	5-21-35	Keene	.....	"	366	County
Whittemore, Earl	54	1-24-44	Troy	2-25-44	"	33	Troy
Whitney, William	61	9-1-39	Keene	.....	"	366	County
Whitney, Bertha	40	6-5-22	"	.....	"	366	"
Willette, Fred	66	2-5-44	"	3-31-44	"	49	"
Woodward, Alvin	90	4-18-42	Alstead	.....	"	366	Alstead
Worth, Annie	72	1-1-43	Keene	5-25-44	"	146	Swanzey
Wilber, Irving	61	1-27-44	"	2-10-44	"	15	County
Wilber, Irving	61	11-13-44	"	11-15-44	"	3	"
Wood, Peter	61	10-2-44	"	.....	"	92	Keene
Wood, Marion	11	12-15-44	"	.....	"	17	County

REPORT OF MASTER OF THE HOUSE OF CORRECTION

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

Gentlemen: I hereby submit my report as Master of the House of Correction for year ending December 31, 1944.

The following is a summary of the prisoners committed and discharged during the year:

Number of prisoners January 1, 1944,	14
Number of prisoners committed,	88
Number of prisoners absconded,	0
Number of prisoners discharged,	89
Number of prisoners January 1, 1945,	13

Of the above, 23 were committed for intoxication, 2 for begging, 6 for vagrancy, 1 for drunken driving, 11 for assault, 6 for adultery, 8 for Superior Court, 2 for theft, 2 for felony, 2 for fornication, 2 for rape, 1 for gross lewdness, 3 for disorderly conduct, 9 for stealing, 3 non-support, 2 for lascivious behavior, 1 for incest, 4 for breaking and entering.

Respectfully,

NED D. SANBORN,

Master.

Record of Prisoners at Cheshire County House of Correction From January 1, 1944, to January 1, 1945.

Name	Age	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Remarks
Baldwin, Clyde	44	3-23-44	Keene	3-28-44	American	6	Drunk
Bates, Coburn	46	12-9-44	Gilsum	12-13-44	"	5	HSC
Bates, Coburn	46	12-28-44	"	.....	"	4	Assault
Bannister, Albert	24	1-27-44	Keene	2-14-44	"	19	Stealing
Bergeron, Emilien	26	2-2-44	"	2-7-44	Canadian	6	Exposive
Beaudry, Maurice	34	10-9-44	"	11-17-44	American	40	Vagrant & Drunk
Beaulieu, Paul	50	8-16-44	"	10-14-44	Canadian	60	Fornication
Blackmore, Freda	24	2-19-44	"	4-16-44	American	58	Drunk
Burns, James	70	1-3-44	"	1-19-44	"	17	Vagrant
Butler, Joe	58	8-24-44	"	12-23-44	"	121	Lascivious behavior
Crawford, Edna	39	7-19-43	"	2-27-44	"	58	Assault
Corkery, William	38	6-26-44	"	7-13-44	"	19	Begging
Crane, Oscar	53	1-17-44	"	2-14-44	"	29	HSC
Crane, Oscar	50	2-15-44	"	.....	"	321	Assault
Cloutier, Clifford	21	11-8-44	"	.....	"	54	Stealing
Duffy, Steve	44	5-23-44	"	6-21-44	"	30	Begging
Desmarais, George	23	12-10-43	"	7-1-44	"	183	Breaking & entering
Doody, Evelyn	16	2-2-44	"	2-14-44	"	13	Adultery
Eichom, Charles R.	37	8-28-44	Gilsum	9-20-44	"	24	Felony
Fleming, Henry	30	10-26-43	Keene	2-19-44	"	50	Stealing
Fleming, Gladys	26	2-2-44	"	5-16-44	"	105	Adultery
Fournier, Cyril	53	11-5-43	"	3-6-44	"	66	Drunk
Fournier, Cyril	53	3-10-44	"	3-28-44	"	19	Vagrant
Frazier, Ernest	42	9-26-44	"	.....	"	97	Assault
Guy, Arthur E.	31	8-10-44	"	8-15-44	"	6	Rape
Hall, Robert	24	7-21-44	"	9-14-44	"	56	Stealing
Hall, Robert	24	11-4-44	"	.....	"	58	"
Hantl, Joseph	47	8-11-44	"	10-10-44	"	61	Drunk
Hale, Clarence	20	1-18-44	"	2-14-44	"	28	Breaking & entering

Record of Prisoners at Cheshire County House of Correction From January 1, 1944, to January 1, 1945.

Name	Age	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Remarks
Hale, Clarence	52	3-29-44	Keene	9-29-44	American	188	Assault
Hammond, Seth	25	3-2-44	"	9-20-44	"	203	HSC
Haskins, Kenneth	29	1-17-44	"	2-14-44	"	29	Non-support
Holcomb, Ethel	51	11-1-44	"	.....	"	61	Adultery
Hussey, James	56	11-27-44	Troy	.....	"	36	Vagrant
Josylin, Alvin J.	40	8-21-44	Keene	9-16-44	"	26	Drunk
Kosti, Gust	59	10-26-44	"	10-31-44	Finnish	6	"
Kuja, Ralph	33	10-16-44	"	.....	"	77	Non-support
Labell, Elias	44	4-17-44	"	5-16-44	American	30	Drunk
Labell, Elias	44	3-27-44	"	4-5-44	"	10	"
Labell, Leon	52	9-15-44	"	9-20-44	Canadian	6	Incest
Lafleur, Willie	55	3-2-44	"	9-25-44	American	208	HSC
Legare, Charles	25	11-6-43	"	2-14-44	"	45	Non-support
Long, Raymond	42	8-14-43	"	2-18-44	"	49	Theft
Macdurfey, Calvin	34	7-3-44	Walpole	8-30-44	"	59	Drunk
MacDonald, John	69	1-22-44	Keene	2-7-44	"	17	"
Martel, Elmer	24	11-11-44	Hinsdale	12-9-44	"	29	"
Menard, Wilfred	18	5-16-44	Keene	9-18-44	"	126	Breaking & entering
McCollester, Nancy	22	4-17-44	"	9-20-44	"	157	HSC
Newhill, Ernest W.	35	10-7-44	"	11-4-44	"	29	Disorderly conduct
Nook, Louis	34	12-11-44	"	12-23-44	"	13	Drunk
Nutting, Roy	37	4-17-44	"	5-9-44	"	123	Adultery
Parmenter, Willis	28	12-23-43	"	2-14-44	"	45	Assault
Payeski, Zigmund	41	6-12-44	Winchester	9-12-44	"	93	Drunk
Pelletier, Joseph	43	7-29-44	Jaffrey	8-9-44	"	12	Breaking & entering
Perrault, Walter	46	3-2-44	Keene	9-20-44	"	203	HSC
Poisson, Marjorie	21	8-16-44	"	9-14-44	"	29	Fornication
Plouffe, Albert	45	7-5-44	"	8-4-44	"	31	Assault
Rayford, Clifford	23	10-23-43	"	2-14-44	"	45	HSC

Record of Prisoners at Cheshire County House of Correction From January 1, 1944, to January 1, 1945.

Name	Age	Date of Admission	Received from	Date of Discharge	Nationality	Days' Board	Remarks
Ricker, Edward	22	10-9 43	Keene	7-8-44	American	190	Theft
Reil, William	62	8-24-44	"	9-23-44	"	31	Drunk
Redfield, Frank, Jr.	31	12-4-44	"	.....	"	28	Assault
Reinfelts, Joseph	50	8-2-44	"	9-1-44	"	31	Vagrant
Rotchford, Patrick	21	11-1-44	"	.....	Canadian	61	Adultery
Shattuck, John	57	5-19-44	"	8-14-44	American	88	Vagrant
Sawyer, Ernest	25	2-7-44	"	2-14-44	"	8	HSC
Sears, William	53	10-20-43	"	2-14-44	"	45	Stealing
Sherman, Ernest	57	9-21-44	"	10-20-44	"	30	Assault
Simons, Lloyd	42	5-1-44	"	5-29-44	"	29	Disorderly
Simons, Ralph	41	12-21-44	"	12-25-44	"	5	Drunk
Sprague, Eugene	27	5-19-44	"	9-18-44	"	122	Breaking & entering
Sprague, Robert	27	2-8-44	"	2-14-44	"	7	Assault
Sprague, Robert	27	2-15-44	"	.....	"	321	Rape
Springer, Evelyn	34	7-25-44	"	8-2-44	"	9	Drunk
Stewart, Charles	46	12-30-43	"	1-7-44	"	7	"
Symonomicz, Michael	22	9-26-44	Jaffrey	10-24-44	"	29	Assault
Temple, Lawrence	39	11-29-44	Keene	12-8-44	"	10	Drunk
Talbot, Clifford	20	2-18-44	"	2-23-44	"	6	Adultery
Talbot, Clifford	20	2-8-44	"	2-14-44	"	7	"
Valliant, Russell	28	12-21-43	"	5-23-44	"	114	Stealing
Valliant, Russell	29	12-4-44	"	.....	"	28	"
Wall, John	65	2-28-44	"	3-27-44	"	29	Drunk
Walo, Herbert R.	26	7-26-44	"	8-4-44	"	12	"
Williams, Kenneth	30	11-2-43	"	3-1-44	"	61	"
Williams, Kenneth	30	4-25-44	"	8-25-44	"	123	Felony
Williams, George	31	11-16-43	"	3-2-44	"	62	Drunken driving
Wheeler, Harold	41	7-5-44	"	8-4-44	"	31	Drunk
White, Harold V.	46	9-14-44	"	10-1-44	"	18	"
Woods, Henry	53	12-5-44	"	.....	"	27	Gross lewdness

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT

NEIL C. STEVENS, M. D.
Walpole, N. H.

Cheshire County Commissioners,
Keene, New Hampshire.

Dear Sirs:—

I am herewith sending you the Annual report for the County Farm.

1944 was a fairly healthy year at the Farm with no epidemics. There were twenty-four deaths and four births.

I want to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn and also the County Commissioners for their splendid co-operation throughout the year.

Very truly yours,
NEIL C. STEVENS,
Physician to County Farm.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

CHESHIRE, SS. FEBRUARY TERM, 1944

County of Cheshire,

In Account with Charles A. Madden

1943				
Nov.	5	To	Boufford capias,	$1 00
	10	"	Bent mittimus to State Hospital,	1 00
	16	"	Carl Larson, paper pads,	30 58
		"	2 days attendance, Nov. 4 and 5,	10 00
		"	Lawyers Co-Operative Pub. Co., Amer. Juris. No. 48,	10 00
		"	14 commissions to John E. Allen as Master and Referee,	14 00
Dec.	1	"	Capias vs. Ernest A. Frazier,	1 00
	2	"	Mittimus vs. Ernest A. Frazier,	1 00
	10	"	Postage stamps,	1 99
	20	"	Remington-Rand Co., paper,	13 75
	23	"	Derosier capias,	1 00
	27	"	Remington Rand Inc., cards,	65 96
	31	"	36 divorce returns and 1 separate maintenance,	3 70
1944				
Jan.	15	"	Order to Probation Dept., Hassett v. Hassett,	1 00
Feb.	2	"	Sentinel Printing Co., supplies,	22 25
	11	"	Orders re: Flemings, Doody, Parmenter, Sawyer, Merrifield, Hale, Bannister, Bell, Crane, Haskins, Legare, Sprague, Sears, Talbot, Parsons, Rayford,	8 00
	14	"	Mittimi vs. Parmenter, Sawyer, Rayford, Bannister, Sprague,	5 00
	15	"	Mittimi vs. Crane, Flemings,	2 00

Feb. 15	"	Lawyers Co-operative Pub. Co., Vol. 49 Amer. Juris.,	10 00
16	"	Capias vs. LaFontain,	1 00
	"	Ctfd. copy indictment vs. LaFontain,	1 00
18	"	Mittimus vs. Clifford J. Talbot,	1 00
21	"	Mittimus vs. Joseph LaFontain,	1 00
24	"	Ctfe. to Probation Dept., State v. Woods, Sears, Talbot, Haskins Merrifield, Bell, Legare,	7 00
Mar. 2	"	Sentinel Printing Co., dockets, etc.,	176 50
	"	Blackbird Pen Co.,	3 50
	"	Motor Vehicle Dept., fine, State v. Fuller,	50 00
15	"	Mason Insurance Agency, bond premium,	25 00
17	"	Carl Larson, paper,	8 34
	"	Mittimi v. John Proctor (2),	2 00
21	"	Com'ns. to John E. Allen, Bushway v. Lawrence cases,	2 00
29	"	Tardiff order to Probation Dept.,	1 00
30	"	Miscellaneous expense, postage, etc.,	5 89
	"	43 Indictments @ .30,	12 90
	"	recording judgments, 546 pages @ .30,	163 80
	"	Certifying judgments, 184 @ .15,	27 60
	"	attendance, 53 days @ $5,	265 00
	"	allowance as per rule of court,	1,375 00
	"	Sentinel Printing Co., new entry lists,	23 50
			$2,356 26

CREDITS

1944			
Feb. 14	By	fine $50.00, costs $25.00, State v. Parsons,	$75 00
15	"	Costs, State v. Sharaf,	600 00
23	"	Fine & costs, State v. Talbot,	75 00
25	"	Fine & costs, State v. Legare,	75 00
28	"	Costs, State v. Merrifield,	25 00
Mar. 7	"	State Probation Dept., costs v. Arthur Bell,	474 96
	"	Fine & costs, State v. Haskell Fuller,	73 92
16	"	State Probation Dept., Kenneth Haskins costs,	136 40

Mar. 30	"	Dockets, sold, 12 @ $1.50,	18 00
31	"	New entries,	
		Civil 6585 to 6628, 44 @ 90c,	39 60
		Equity 3079 to 2146, 68 @ 90c,	61 20
		Appeal cases, 2@ 90c,	1 80
			$1,655 88
Balance due Clerk,			$700 38
Paid by Court Order, No. 2937,			$700 38

CHARLES A. MADDEN,
Clerk.

CHESHIRE, SS. SEPTEMBER TERM, 1944

County of Cheshire,

In Account with Charles A. Madden

Apr. 12	To	two days attendance,	$10 00
17	"	Frank Shepard Co., citations,	10 00
May 2	"	Anderson order to Probation Dept.,	1 00
22	"	Lawyers Co-Operative Pub. Co., Vol. 50 Amer. Juris.,	5 00
27	"	Ctfe. to Probation Dept., Buckley,	1 00
June 5	"	Geo. O. Shovan, Supreme Court opinions,	20 00
10	"	Ctfe. to Probation Dept., Hardwick,	1 00
24	"	Fine, State v. Proctor, No. 1541,	100 00
July 6	"	Sentinel Printing Co., certificates,	11 75
27	"	Dept. Vital Statistics, 56 divorce returns,	5 60
Aug. 3	"	Ctfe. to Probation Dept., Croteau v. Croteau,	1 00
4	"	Mittimus to State Hospital, Harrington,	1 00
	"	Mittimus to State Hospital, Westcott,	1 00
24	"	Lawyers Co-Operative Pub. Co., Vol. 51 and 52,	10 00
	"	Ctfe. to Probation Dept., Kendall v. Kendall,	1 00
Sept. 12	"	Mittimus to State Hospital, Hall,	1 00
	"	Ctfe. to Probation Dept., Lynch,	1 00
19	"	Sentinel Printing Co., dockets and forms,	176 75
	"	Capias v. James B. Carroll,	1 00
	"	Mittimus, State v. Sprague,	1 00

Sept. 19	"	Ctfes. to Probation Dept., LaFountain, Eichorn, Menard,	3 00
20	"	Mittimi, State v. Hammond, Labelle,	2 00
	"	Mittimus, State v. Perrault,	1 00
21	"	Ctfes. to Probation Dept., Earle, Scadova, Coburn,	3 00
22	"	Sec'y. of State, 1 set Revised Laws,	25 00
	"	Phaneuf Press, folders for dockets,	6 36
25	"	Mittimus v. Willie LaFleur,	1 00
	"	Order re: LaFleur,	50
26	"	Mittimus v. Frazier,	1 00
28	"	Bond premium, M. E. Davis, Deputy clerk,	10 00
29	"	Mittimus, State v. Harrington,	1 00
	"	Mittimus, State v. Westcott,	1 00
	"	Lawyers Pub. Co., supplements,	15 90
30	"	Orders re: Harrington & Wescott,	1 00
	"	Sentinel Printing Co., forms and index,	28 00
Oct. 5	"	Capias vs. Ralph Kuja,	1 00
	"	Motor Vehicle Dept., fine, State v. Sullivan,	50 00
16	"	Mittimus v. Kuja,	1 00
17	"	Recording judgments, 620 @ .30,	186 00
	"	Certifying judgments, 196 @ .15,	29 40
	"	Miscellaneous,	2 30
20	"	Indictments, 20 @ .30,	6 00
	"	39 days attendance,	195 00
	"	Allowance as per rule of court,	1,375 00
			$2,305 56

CREDITS

Apr. 10	By	discount refund, Martel Co.,	$1 30
13	"	Fine, State v. Proctor, No. 1541,	100 00
May 11	"	Fine, State v. John Fredette from Probation Dept.,	50 00
June 12	"	Correction of error in September Term 1943 account,	101 00
	"	Correction of error in Feb. Term 1943 account,	20 00

Sept. 18	"	Fine $50 and costs $25, State v. Nutting,	75 00
	"	Costs, State v. Eichorn,	25 00
19	"	Fine $50, costs $25, State v. Evelyn Goodell,	75 00
21	"	Costs, State v. Lynch,	50 00
25	"	Costs, State v. Menard,	25 00
26	"	Fine $10, Costs $36.66, State v. Clapp,	46 66
27	"	Fine and costs, State v. Dubois,	150 00
28	"	Costs, State v. Vance,	30 00
Oct. 5	"	Fine and costs, State v. Oswald Sullivan,	87 00
	"	Dockets sold, 11 @ $1.50,	16 50
20	"	New entries	
		Civil 6629 to 6669, 41 @ 90c,	36 90
		Equity 3146 to 3225, 80 @ 90c,	72 00
		State, 5 appeals, 5 @ 90c,	4 50
			$965 86

Balance due Clerk, $1,339 70

Paid by Court Order No. 3096, $1,339 70

CHARLES A. MADDEN, Clerk.

REPORT OF COUNTY SOLICITOR

I beg to submit my report as Solicitor for the year ending December 31, 1944. Below is a list of the cases, which includes all the cases pending December 31, 1943, together with the more important cases which have been begun and carried through to conclusion up to December 31, 1944.

STATE VS. FRANK McLAUGHLIN

Appeal from Municipal Court of Jaffrey. Continued.

STATE VS. ALEX PURAS

Appeal from Municipal Court of Keene. Operating motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Continued.

STATE VS. WILLIAM FENNESSY

Indictment: Aggrevated assault. Continued.

STATE VS. EUGENE E. GARRETT

Petition to be admitted to bail. Bail fixed at $3,000 and Charles A. Madden is authorized to take bail and also upon the qualifications of sureties. Continued.

STATE VS. FLETCHER B. FREDETTE

Indictment: Larceny. Plea: Not Guilty. Jury Trial. Bail fixed at $1,000. Continued.

STATE VS. FLETCHER B. FREDETTE

Indictment: Larceny. Continued.

STATE VS. GUY MAX COLBY

Indictment: Adultery. Continued.

STATE VS. KENNETH LEPEAN

Indictment: Burglary. Continued.

STATE VS. KENNETH LEPEAN

Indictment: Breaking, entering, and larceny. Continued.

STATE VS. CLYDE LAPLANT

Indictment: Breaking, entering and larceny. Continued.

STATE VS. CLYDE A. LAPLANTE

Indictment: Burglary. Continued.

STATE VS. CLARENCE HALE

Indictment: Breaking, entering, and larceny. Continued.

STATE VS. EVERETT A. HOLT

Appeal from Municipal Court of Keene. Non-Support. Continued.

STATE ON COMPLAINT OF JOSEPH L. REGAN VS. PIN BALL MACHINES

Petition for forfeiture filed and notice by personal service ordered. Returnable March 27, 1944. Warrant issued to Joseph L. Regan, Chief of Police of Keene. Defendants bill of exceptions or reserved case on or before December 28, or exceptions waived. December 27 defendant's bill of exceptions. Forfeiture decreed Dec. 18, 1944. Bill of exceptions waived.

STATE VS. HARLAND A. PATRIA

Petition to be admitted to bail. Bail fixed in the sum of $1,000. Charles A. Madden appointed commissioner to take bail.

STATE VS. COBURN BATES

Petition to be admitted to bail filed. By order of court bail fixed at $2,000. Charles A. Madden appointed commissioner to take bail. Nolle prosequi.

STATE VS. MILTON F. BENT

Indictment: Forgery—Not to be printed, respondent in State Hospital.

STATE VS. MARGARET J. STEVENS

Indictment: Adultery—Nolle prosequi, October 5, 1944.

STATE VS. WILMER CROTEAU

Indictment: Adultery—Nolle prosequi, October 5, 1944.

STATE VS. GLADYS FLEMINGS

Indictment: Adultery. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $300. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: three months in House of Correction and stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. RUBY WOODS

Indictment: Adultery. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Fine of $50 and costs of $25 and six months in House of Correction. Upon payment of fine and costs mittimus not to issue until called for by solicitor. Payment of fine and costs to be made through the probation department. Certificate issued on probation department.

STATE VS. CLAYTON GAMASH

Indictment: Adultery—nolle prosequi.

STATE VS. CLAYTON GAMASH

Indictment: Adultery—nolle prosequi.

STATE VS. EVELYN HOWARD DOODY

Indictment: Adultery. Plea: Not guilty—nolle prosequi.

STATE VS. WILLIS HOWARD PARMENTER

Indictment: Attempted rape. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $2,000. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Not less than three years, nor more than five years in state prison and stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. WILLIS HOWARD PARMENTER

Indictment: Statutory rape. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $2,000. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. JOSEPH LAFONTAIN

Indictment: Aggravated assault. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. JOSEPH LAFONTAIN

Indictment: Robbery. Capias issued. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Not less than three years, nor more than five years in state prison and stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. ERNEST SAWYER

Indictment: Accessory after the fact to aggravated assault. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $500. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. ERNEST SAWYER

Indictment: Robbery. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $500. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Not less than three

years nor more than five years in state prison and stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. ERNEST SAWYER

Indictment: Aggravated assault. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $500. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. JOSEPH C. MERRIFIELD

Indictment: Breaking, entering and larceny. Plea: Not guilty. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Case continued for sentence. The defendant to make restitution and placed on probation for one year and pay costs of $25. Certificate issued to Probation Department. Received $25 costs from Probation Department.

STATE VS. CLIFFORD A. RAYFORD, ALSO KNOWN AS CLIFFORD RIXFORD, ALSO KNOWN AS CLIFFORD A. REXFORD

Indictment: Breaking, entering, and larceny. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Not less than one year and one day, nor more than three years in state prison and stand committed. Mittimius issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. ALBERT BANNISTER

Indictment: Larceny of automobile. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Not less than one year and one day nor more than three years in state prison and stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. ARTHUR L. BELL

Indictment: Desertion and failure to support. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Not less than one year and one day, nor more than fifteen months in state prison and pay costs taxed at $474.96. Upon payment of costs mittimus not to issue until called for by solicitor. Respondent placed on probation for five years. Certificate issued to Probation Department. Received from State Probation Department costs of $474.96.

STATE VS. ARTHUR L. BELL

Indictment: Non-support. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. OSCAR W. CRANE

Indictment: Unnatural act. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $500. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. OSCAR W. CRANE

Indictment: Unnatural act. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $300. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. OSCAR W. CRANE

Indictment: Unnatural act. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $500. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. OSCAR W. CRANE

Indictment: Unnatural acts. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $300. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: One year in House of Correction. No costs and stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. KENNETH R. HASKINS

Indictment: Non-support. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. KENNETH R. HASKINS

Indictment: Non-support. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence upon payment of $136.40 costs and respondent placed on probation for five years. Certificate issued to probation department. Received $136.40 costs from state probation department.

STATE VS. CHARLES HENRY LEGARE

Indictment: Desertion and failure to support. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Not less than one year and one day, nor more than fifteen years in state prison and costs of $75. Upon payment of costs mittimus not to issue until called for by solicitor. Respondent placed on probation for five years. Certificate issued to Probation department. Fine and costs paid. Petition for suspension of probation period. Not granted.

STATE VS. STANLEY H. PARSONS

Indictment: Adultery. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Fine $50, costs $25 and six months in House of Correction. Upon payment of fine and costs mittimus not to issue until called for by solicitor. Fine and costs paid.

STATE VS. ROBERT SPRAGUE

Indictment: Statutory rape. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: One year in the House of Correction, no costs, and stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. ROBERT SPRAGUE

Indictment: Statutory rape. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. WILLIAM SEARS

Indictment: Larceny. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence. Respondent to make restitution in the amount of $165 through the probation department. Certificate issued to probation department.

STATE VS. CLIFFORD J. TALBOT

Indictment: Adultery. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Fine of $50, costs of $25, and six months in House of Correction. Upon payment of fine and costs mittimus not to issue until called for by solicitor. Payment of fine and costs to be paid through the probation department. Fine and costs not paid. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed. Fine, costs, paid. Certificate issued to probation department.

STATE VS. MORRIS H. STROME

Indictment: Larceny. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence. Defendant to make restitution.

STATE VS. MORRIS H. STROME

Indictment: Larceny. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. MORRIS H. STROME

Indictment: Larceny. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. MORRIS SHARAF

Indictment: Accessory before the fact to larceny. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence. Defendant to make restitution and pay costs taxed at $600.

STATE VS. MORRIS SHARAF

Indictment: Accessory before the fact to larceny. Plea: Guilty. Continued for sentence.

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STATE VS. HASKELL C. FULLER

Appeal from Municipal Court of Keene. Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Plea: Not guilty. Jury trial. Verdict: Guilty. Sentence: Fine $50 and costs of $23.92 and stand committed until paid. Fine, costs, paid. Fine $50 paid motor vehicle department.

STATE VS. ARTHUR CHADWICK

Appeal from Municipal Court of Keene. Operating motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Plea: Not guilty. Jury trial. Verdict: Not guilty.

STATE VS. RICHARD ORKINS

Indictment: Adultery. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $300. Nolle prosequi by County Solicitor.

STATE VS. MABEL HARRINGTON

Indictment: Arson. Report of State Hospital. Feeble minded and of the mental age of seven years. Petition for recommitment to Cheshire County Jail. Petition granted. Mittimus issued remitting respondent to Cheshire County Jail. Plea: Nolo contendre. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. CHARLOTTE M. WESTCOTT

Indictment: Arson. Report of State Hospital: Sane. Petition for remittance to Cheshire County Jail. Petition granted. Mittimus issued recommitting respondent to Cheshire County Jail. Plea: Guilty. Jury impanelled. Verdict: Not guilty.

STATE VS. ROBERT HALL

Indictment: Larceny. Report of State Hospital. Respondent reported sane. Petition for removal from State Hospital and recommitted to county jail. Petition granted. Mittimus issued.

STATE VS. EVELYN GOODELL

Indictment: Adultery. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Fine $50 and costs of $25 and sixty days in the House of Correction. House of Correction sentence suspended upon payment of fine and costs. Fine and costs paid.

STATE VS. ETHEL M. HOLCOMB

Indictment: Adultery. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $300. Own recognizance taken, to appear when called. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Six months at House of Correction. Mittimus not to issue until November 11, 1944. Mittimus issued.

STATE VS. ARTHUR F. LECLAIR

Indictment: Adultery. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $300. Deferred to later in the term. Bail taken. Plea retracted. Continued for sentence.

STATE VS. EUGENE L. SPRAGUE

Indictment: Burglary. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $500. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: State prison not less than two years, nor more than three years. Stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. HIRAM S. PUTNAM

Indictment: Larceny. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $800. Trial by jury. Verdict: Not guilty.

STATE VS. ALICE TATRO

Indictment: Adultery. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $300. Nolo prosequi by Solicitor.

STATE VS. ROY NUTTING

Indictment: Adultery. Plea: Guilty. Fine $50, costs $25, and six months in the House of Correction. House of Correction sentence suspended upon payment of fine and costs. Fine and costs paid.

STATE VS. NANCY E. McCOLLESTER

Indictment: Adultery. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Sixty days in the House of Correction, suspended.

STATE VS. ARTHUR J. LAFOUNTAIN

Indictment: Larceny. Plea: Guilty to larceny of goods of less value than twenty dollars. Continued for sentence. Probation for one year.

STATE VS. CHARLES ROLAND EICHORN

Indictment: Breaking, entering, and larceny. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: One year in House of Correction suspended. Ordered to pay costs of $25. Probation for one year. Costs paid.

STATE VS. SETH HAMMOND

Indictment: Statutory rape. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $2,000. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. State prison not less than eight years, nor more than ten years. Stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. WILLIE LAFLEUR

Indictment: Statutory rape. Plea: Guilty. Sentence deferred to later in term. Sentence: State prison not less than three years, nor more than seven years. Stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. WALTER PERRAULT

Indictment: Incest. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $3,000. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: State prison not less than ten years, nor more than fifteen years. Stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. WILFRED R. MENARD

Indictment: Burglary. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: One year in the House of Correction suspended. Ordered to pay costs of $25. Probation for two years. Costs paid.

STATE VS. LEON P. LABELLE

Indictment: Incest. Plea: Not guilty. Bail fixed at $3,000. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: State prison not less than eighteen years, nor more than twenty years. Stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. FRANK CLAPP

Appeal from Municipal court of Jaffrey. Assault. Plea: Not guilty. Trial by jury. Verdict: Guilty. Fine $10, costs $36.66. Fine and costs paid.

STATE VS. JOSEPH A. DUBOIS

Appeal from Municipal Court of Keene. Operating motor

vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Plea: Not guilty. Jury empanelled. Plea retracted. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Fine $50, costs $100. Paid $100.

STATE VS. ERNEST E. FRAZIER

Appeal from Municipal Court of Keene. Operating motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Plea: Guilty. Sentence: Seven months in House of Correction. Fine $50, costs $26.42. Fine and costs suspended. Stand committed. Mittimus issued. Mittimus with officer's return filed.

STATE VS. FLAVEL D. LYNCH

Appeal from Municipal Court of Jaffrey. Breaking, entering, and larceny. Nolle prossed on payment of costs taxed at $50. Costs paid.

STATE VS. OSWALD C. SULLIVAN

Information: Operating motor vehicle while under influence of intoxicating liquor. Plea: Guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $50, costs of $37. Fine, costs paid.

Your Solicitor has also prosecuted a large number of cases in the Municipal Court of the County during the year and given advice and assisted the County Commissioners and their office when so requested.

ARTHUR OLSON,
County Solicitor.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners
and Voters of Cheshire County:

As High Sheriff of Cheshire County I am presenting herewith a brief summary of the work accomplished by the Sheriff's Department of your County Government from January 1st, 1944 to December 31st, 1944 inclusive.

Our work during the past year has doubled in capacity. During this period we have investigated 241 cases as compared to 114 investigations in 1943. Complaints of major crimes are steadily increasing, therefore our expenses for investigations are slightly higher than for 1943.

Our recovery for 1944, which includes property and cash recovered for complainants and the County, is very satisfactory. In dollars and cents the amount is $44,513.11.

The following is a list of cases on which investigations have been made since January 1st, 1944.

Larceny,	34
Breaking, Entering and Larceny,	46
Assault (Simple and Aggravated),	12
Hit and Run Accidents,	1
Rape,	7
Assault with intent to rape,	2
Suicide,	4
Accidental deaths,	9
Deaths due to natural causes,	5
Investigation of Motor Vehicle Accidents,	5
Juvenile Respondents,	16
Patients to State Hospital,	9
Arrests for Police of other States and Counties,	6
Complaints of minor nature,	27
Damage to Property,	14
Soldiers A. W. O. L.,	3
Incest,	4
Adultery,	3
Arson,	4
Miscellaneous Investigations,	24
Investigations of suspicious persons,	5
Lascivious Conduct,	1
Gambling Machines,	2
Non-Support,	14
Murder,	1
Lost Person,	1
Accessory to larceny,	1
Accepting stolen goods,	1
Violation of Narcotic Laws,	1
Selling Mortgage Property,	1
Poisoning cattle,	3

The following is an account of expenses for the February Term of Superior Court:—

Arthur N. Jennison, Sheriff,

Attendance, 47 days,	$235 00	
Travel, 94 miles,	9 40	
		$244 40
Edward H. Lord, Deputy Sheriff,		
Attendance, 19 days,	$95 00	
Travel, 38 miles,	3 80	
		98 80
Frank W. Walker, Deputy, Sheriff,		
Attendance, 5 days,	$25 00	
Travel, 200 miles,	20 00	
		45 00
Paid Ellis Hotel, meals for Jurors,		17 00
Paid Rev. A. Norman Janes, services as Chaplain,		5 00
		$458 20

ADJOURNED, FEBRUARY TERM, SUPERIOR COURT

Attendance, Sheriff Jennison		
1 day,	$5 00	
2 miles travel,	20	
		$5 20
Attendance, Deputy Sheriff E. H. Lord,		
2 days,	$10 00	
4 miles travel,	40	
		10 40
		$473 80

The following is an account of expenses for the September Term of Superior Court:

Arthur N. Jennison, Sheriff,		
Attendance, 39 days,	$190 00	
Travel, 78 miles,	7 80	
		$197 80

Edward H. Lord, Deputy Sheriff,		
Attendance, 23 days,	$115 00	
Travel, 46 miles,	4 60	
		119 50
Frank W. Walker, Deputy, Sheriff,		
Attendance, 14 days,	$70 00	
Travel, 560 miles,	56 00	
		126 00
Ralph R. Winham, Deputy Sheriff,		
Attendance, 10 days,	$50 00	
Travel, 320 miles,	32 00	
		82 00
Paid Eagle Hotel, meals for Jurors,		34 80
Paid Rev. C. B. Chapman, services as Chaplain,		5 00
		$565 20

NATURALIZATION

Edward H. Lord, Deputy Sheriff,		
Attendance, 1 day,	$5 00	
Travel, 2 miles,	20	
		$5 20
Ralph R. Winham, Deputy Sheriff,		
Attendance, 1 day,	$5 00	
Travel, 32 miles,	3 20	
		8 20
Total,		$578 60

ARTHUR N. JENNISON,
Sheriff.